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1. After the announcement of the currency reform on 1 June 1953, approximately 4,000 workers of the CKD-Stalingrad machine factory in Prague-Vysocany staged a sit-down strike. This was done after police locked the workers in at the factory throughout the day. The workers refused to be handled separately and talked of trying to force their way out of the factory. Police reinforcements were called out. While trying to deal with the crowd, a police woman fired into the air. The mob took over, beating the police woman to death.
2. Workers from the V.I. Lenin Works (formerly Skoda) in Pilsen tried to liberate prisoners from the Bory Prison. The crowd broke into the jail, but before they could release the prisoners army units arrived. Those who had got inside the prison were forced to remain there.
3. A significant campaign against the memory of the late President Masaryk is being conducted in Moravia. An attempt to remove a statue of him from the town of Prostějov was blocked by the gathering of a crowd. The police on hand requested assistance from the army. A small unit led by one officer arrived. The officer was beaten to death in the ensuing riot.

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